



# ARSOF WARFIGHTING CHALLENGES

Enduring ARSOF First Order Problems, the Solutions to Which Will Improve Current and Future ARSOF Effectiveness Across the Range of Military Operations.

## **Discrete, multi-year Campaigns to Shape, Prevent and/or Win**

How does ARSOF design, plan and conduct discrete, multi-year Irregular campaigns that synergize tactical and operational Special Warfare and Surgical Strike with the full suite of SOF / CF / JIIM and partner capabilities and objectives to shape the operating environment, counter threats and advance U.S. interests prior to a threat or crisis necessitating large-scale military intervention?

## **SOF Mission Command**

How does ARSOF build and maintain modern, scalable C2 structures that ensure SOF Mission Command meets the needs of the future operational environment, from small, technologically-enabled C2 nodes which maximize reach-back to the CONUS base, through GO led SOJTF commands to larger hybrid SOF / CF / JIIM structures?

## **Countering Unconventional Warfare**

How does ARSOF covertly, clandestinely or overtly support friends and partners and deter, degrade or defeat global competitors, enemies and aggressors with or through indigenous means in denied areas using extant and future UW capabilities in support of SOF / CF / JIIM operational and strategic objectives?

## **Operation Within and Supporting Global Networks**

How does ARSOF establish persistent and distributed human and technical networks, and build human and physical infrastructure in the context of the Global SOF Network and Global Landpower Networks, to enable success in irregular and traditional operations across the ROMO?

## **Army, Joint and Interagency**

### **Interdependence**

How does ARSOF build partnerships and reinforce supported and supporting relationships within SOF / CF / JIIM structural constructs to achieve operational and strategic effects and minimize risk in irregular and traditional operations across the ROMO?

## **Operating Across Joint Interagency and Multinational Seams**

How does ARSOF bridge the seams between Joint, Interagency and Multinational partners to conduct operations under Title 10 Authorities, Title 50 Authorities and/or the Ambassador's Title 22 Authorities to necessary for SOF / CF / JIIM success in the future, complex operating environment?

## **Advancing SOF / CF / JIIM Operational and Strategic Planning and Thought**

How does ARSOF socialize and integrate forward thinking capabilities and concepts regarding discrete, multi-year, high-return campaigns and operations focused on defeating threats, providing physical, cognitive and moral security, and/or adequate governance in the Human Domain.

## **Optimize ARSOF Force Generation**

How does ARSOF flexibly and efficiently generate, expand or contract its human and materiel capabilities and capacity to provide joint force commanders with capable, scalable ARSOF comprised of the finest, operationally and tactically proficient, culturally aware leaders and operators wielding the latest, technology advanced equipment.



# The Foundation for Special Operations Success in the Future Operating Environment

Objective: Provide our nation the world's premiere special Operations units, capable of prosecuting the most sensitive special warfare campaigns and executing the most difficult surgical strike operations, while providing seamless and persistent special operation support to joint force commanders worldwide.

## ARSOF 2022 Part II/ARSOF 2022 Next

This seminal strategy document provides both the narrative for Army special operations and direction to the force. It also establishes a process for future force development that leads to better support of Joint Force Commanders (JFC) in the future operating environment. This blueprint focuses on specific areas that need improvement to better enable Theater Special Operations Commands (TSOC) and Joint Force Commanders to conduct special operations campaigns USASOC SILENT QUEST Facilitated Wargame

The Facilitated Wargame facilitates foundational linkage between ARSOF 2022 Part II, the USASOC Campaign of Learning and the ARSOF Operating Concept. SILENT QUEST also provides critical insights and supports the development of SOF Operational Design. All of the above, play a vital role in formulating Guidance for Employment and Development of the Force, driving the USASOC

## ARSOF OPERATING CONCEPT

The Operating Concept emphasizes the importance of holistic applications of the two pillars of ARSOF: special warfare and surgical strikes. It underscores the human domain as the preeminent and necessary battleground of the present and the future. And most importantly, it reaffirms the primacy of educating, training, equipping, and supporting the most highly selected, culturally astute, and operationally proficient operators and teams to execute missions in a future operating environment that is characterized by uncertainty.

## USASOC Planner's Handbook for SOF Operational Design

Handbook provides a methodology to achieve unity of effort across all aspects of national power (DIME) across the continuum of International Competition. The development of GEN II of the USASOC Planner's Handbook for SOF Operational Design / Art with our Interagency Partners provides an opportunity to help close that gap.

